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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT'S RESPONSE TO PRESIDENT AHMED'S
BICENTENNIAL MESSAGE

1. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT
TO PRESIDENT AHMED:

2. QUOTE: DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: ON BEHALF OF THE
AMERICAN PEOPLE, MRS. FORD AND I THANK YOU FOR YOUR
MOST WELCOME MESSAGE OF GOOD WISHES ON THE COMMEMORATION
OF THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR NATION'S INDEPENDENCE.

AS WE ENTER OUR THIRD CENTURY, THE UNITED STATES
REDEDICATES ITSELF IN WORD AND DEED TO THE PRINCIPLES
OF LIBERTY, EQUALITY AND INDIVIDUAL DIGNITY. WE DO SO
WITH THE ANTICIPATION AND CONFIDENCE THAT RELATIONS
BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES WILL CONTINUE TO GROW STRONGER.
SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD. UNQUOTE.

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3. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE ABOVE TEXT BUT HAS NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY GOI.

4. FYI: FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PRESIDENT AHMED'S BICENTENNIAL MESSAGE:

QUOTE: ON THE HAPPY OCCASION OF THE INDEPENDENCE DAY OF YOUR COUNTRY, WHICH IS ALSO THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, IT IS MY GREAT PLEASURE TO EXTEND TO YOUR EXCELLENCY AND TO THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA OUR WARM GREETINGS AND FELICITATIONS AND ALSO OUR BEST WISHES FOR YOUR PERSONAL WELL-BEING AND FOR THE PROGRESS AND PROSPERITY OF THE FRIENDLY PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

I AM CONVINCED THAT THE BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES WILL BE FURTHER STRENGTHENED TO OUR MUTUAL BENEFIT. END QUOTE. KISSINGER

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